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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 1, 1999

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE990679

To revise Rider J-Interruptible
Water Heating Service

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW

On October 1, 1999, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power" or "the Company") filed a report with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") regarding the Company's proposed disposition of Rider J-Interruptible Water Heating Service ("Rider J").¹ In its report, after considering various options, the Company recommended that the existing rate credit of \$4.00 per month per customer now available under the tariff be continued through March 31, 2000, and that thereafter, the Rider be terminated, effective April 1, 2000. The Company further proposed to implement a geographically targeted residential control device deactivation strategy effective with Commission approval, beginning no earlier than April 1, 2000,

¹ In its report, the Company stated that it was filing its report in response to the Commission's directives in Application of Virginia Electric and Power Company, To close Schedule SG-Standby Generator; Schedule CS-Curtailable Service; and Rider J-Interruptible Electric Water Heater, Case No. PUE950063, 1997 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 344.

and ending by December 31, 2002. The Company requested that any final order implementing a modification to Rider J provide for an effective date of at least sixty (60) days from the date of the final order to permit appropriate customer notification and accommodate billing system changes.

On October 21, 1999, the Company filed an application seeking approval from the Commission to terminate Rider J-Interruptible Water Heating Service, together with a supplemental document addressing the effect of the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act, Chapter 23 (§ 56-576 et seq.) of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia.

On October 26, 1999, the Commission issued a Preliminary Order, docketing the Company's application and suspending the Company's proposals concerning Rider J through February 27, 2000. On November 1, 1999, the Commission entered its Order for Notice and Hearing in this matter.

On November 10, 1999, the Company filed a Motion to Withdraw. In its Motion, Virginia Power stated that it was reconsidering its request to terminate the rate credits in Rider J and requested leave to withdraw its proposal to modify the Rider. The Company also asked that the captioned proceeding be terminated.

NOW, UPON CONSIDERATION of the foregoing, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the Company's Motion should be

granted, and the captioned matter dismissed. While we have determined to grant the Company's Motion, Virginia Power should continue to offer Rider J to Virginia Power customers now receiving the credits at the same credit amounts and under the same terms and conditions of service that applied to Rider J during the period immediately following of the entry of our August 5, 1997, Order Modifying Schedules, entered in Case No. PUE950063.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Company's November 10, 1999, Motion to Withdraw is granted.

(2) This matter shall be dismissed from the Commission's docket of active proceedings, and the papers filed herein, made a part of the Commission's file for ended causes.